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ABSTRACT

A compound represented by formula (I):

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5 a compound represented by (II):

$$M \xrightarrow{O} \bigcup_{S} \bigvee_{N} \bigvee_{N}^{R^{1}} S$$

or a mixture of at least one compound represented by formula (I) with 10 at least one compound represented by formula (II), wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R^1 is hydrogen, a

-(CH₂)_mSO₃M group or a ; R² is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5; the use of at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (I), at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II) or a mixture of at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II) and at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II) as a surfactant; and a photographic material comprising a support and a layer containing photosensitive silver halide, characterized in that the photographic material contains at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II) or a mixture of at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II) and at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II).